



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

Massachusetts Lake Bylaws Listed by Town

Sources can also be found at <http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/masslbylaws.html>

1. Acton

a. Ice House Pond

- i. Except for emergency rescue and law enforcement purposes, and for purposes of construction and maintenance by the Town of Acton or its designee, no person shall launch, place, float, use, or land a craft with an internal combustion engine in or on Ice House pond, which pond is located off Concord Road in the East Acton area. The Police Officers of the Town of Acton shall enforce this bylaw. Violation of this bylaw shall be punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), whereby each incident of violating this bylaw and each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. (2004)

2. Amesbury

- a. Lake Gardner, the Powow River, the Black River, and ponds over which the Town of Amesbury has Jurisdiction.

- i. Prohibits the operation of jet skis, surf skis, wet bikes, or other so-called "personal watercraft". (1996)

- b. Lake Attitash, Lake Gardner, the Powow River, the Black River, and pond ice.

- i. Prohibits the use of trucks, campers, trailers, automobiles, ski mobiles, or other motorized vehicles. (1996)
 - ii. Prohibits the use of gas powered augers, chains saws or similar cutting devices except between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. (1996)

3. Andover

a. Foster's Pond

- i. It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce, operate or permit and suffer to be operated on Foster Pond a motor boat powered by any engine with a horsepower in excess of 10. For purposes of this section, the use of any craft designed and utilized solely for the control or removal of aquatic plants is specifically excepted. (1982)

4. Arlington

a. SpyPond

- i. The operation and use of any internal combustion engine greater than 10 horsepower in or upon the waters of Spy Pond shall be prohibited, except in cases of emergency; nor shall they create wake within 50 feet of the shore of Spy Pond Park; further, no powered recreation vehicles shall operate at speeds greater than 10 miles per hour, except in cases

of emergency. Said By-Law shall become effective June 1, 1976. Each violation shall make a person liable to a penalty of not more than \$50.00. (2011)

5. Ashby

- a.** No motor boat shall be operated upon any pond lying within the Town one-half hour after sunset and before sunrise unless it is equipped with red and green running lights that show clearly in that direction in which it is going and no other water craft shall be on the waters in the aforementioned hours unless equipped with a suitable light to signal other approaching boats.
- b. Willard Brook Compensating Reservoir, also known as Ashby Reservoir**
 - i.** No motor boat or other motorized water craft shall be operated at any time, on the body of water known as the Willard Brook Compensating River, located immediately northeast of the intersection of South Road and Richardson Road, with the exception of boats powered by battery-operated electric trolling motors, at speeds no greater than 3 knots per hour. Whoever violates this by-law shall be punished by a fine of three hundred dollars per occurrence for each violation. (2009)
- c. Little Watatic Pond**
 - i.** No motor boat or other motorized water craft shall be operated at any time upon the body of water known as Little Watatic Pond located in the northwest quadrant of the Town and bisected by West State Road (Route 119), with the exception of boats powered by battery-operated electric trolling motors, at speeds no greater than 3 knots. Whoever violated this by-law shall be punished by a fine of three hundred dollars per occurrence for each violation.

6. Ashfield

a. Ashfield Lake

- i.** The maximum horsepower of any power-operated boat or canoe using the waters of Ashfield Lake shall not exceed five (5) horsepower. (1984)
- ii. No** person shall anchor or moor any raft or float, nor construct any pier or dock within the limits of the park, without first obtaining a written permit from the park commission to do so.

7. Ashland

- a.** All motor boats must (except when prevented by a narrow channel or other boats or passing under bridges or rounding sharp bends) keep one hundred and fifty (150) feet distance from anchored or moored boats, piers, rafts, floats, a line of floats outlining swimming areas, skin divers' flags, or the shore line. In all such cases, the speed of such motor boats shall be reduced to headway speed, so as to provide full visibility and control, and prevent the boat's wash from being thrown into, or causing excessive rocking to other boats, barges, aquaplanes, and other devices being towed by power. The operator of the towing boat shall be responsible for compliance therewith.

- b. The use of powered craft generally described as a "JET SKI," "SURF JET," "WET BIKE," or otherwise described as a "PERSONAL WATERCRAFT" is prohibited except when used by law enforcement personnel in the course of their duties.

i. Criminal disposition. Any violation of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

ii. Non-criminal disposition. Violations of any part of this chapter may be processed pursuant to Chapter 40, section 21D of the general laws of the commonwealth. Fines for violations shall be assessed as follows:

First offense: fifty dollars (\$50.00)

Second and subsequent offenses: one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Any person having police powers shall have authority to issue notices of violations under this paragraph.

8. Barnstable

- a. Speed shall not exceed six miles per hour, and no wash shall be created in posted areas nor within 150 feet of bathers, divers, small vessels propelled by means other than machinery, and vessels not underway.
- b. Speed shall not exceed six miles per hour, and no wash shall be created on any pond not a great pond and on the following great ponds: Garrett's Pond, Micah's Pond, Joshua's Pond, Neck Pond, and Parker's Pond. Speed shall not exceed 35 miles per hour on Lake Wequaquet.
- c. Horsepower of internal combustion engines shall not exceed 10 horsepower on the following ponds: Hamblin's Pond; Middle Pond; Mystic Lake, Long Pond, Centerville, Lovell's Pond, Shubael's Pond, Long Pond, Marstons Mills.

9. Beverly

a. City of Beverly

- i. Every motorboat operated upon the waters of the City of Beverly shall at all times be equipped with a muffler or a muffler system in good working order and in constant operation and effectively installed to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. (2006)

10. Billerica

a. Nutting Lake

- i. Prohibits the operation of any boat or watercraft of any nature powered or propelled by an internal combustion engine of any nature, except by emergency personnel when responding to a valid emergency situation.
(1989)
- ii. All watercraft operating on Nutting's Lake shall be operated so as to remain at least ten (10) feet from any areas used for swimming which are marked by suitable buoys designating the swimming area.
- iii. No motorboat or any other watercraft shall be operated on any portion of any waterway within the town in a manner which endangers the safety of the public or is detrimental or injurious to the bordering neighborhoods or to the value of the property thereon.
- iv. Every violation of this section (Sec. 10 General By-laws Town of Billerica) shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

11. Boxford

- a. No person shall operate a boat equipped with more than a ten horsepower motor on great ponds in Boxford according to MGL c. 131, § 45, as amended.

12. Bridgewater

a. Lake Nippenicket

- i. Prohibits speed greater than 25mph.(1997)
- ii. All Massachusetts Boating Laws in effect at all times, as Lake Nippenicket is a Great Pond as established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- iii. Upon entry, a boat must proceed at a speed "not over" six (6) miles per hour headway speed for the first one hundred and fifty feet (150ft) at a 90 degree angle from the shore.
- iv. That a map and pertinent information be posted at the boat-landing and to convey specified areas deemed dangerous to water skiing and motor boating in general. The map and information would be donated by the Nippenicket Sportsman's Association.

13. Brewster

- a. Personal motorized watercraft, such as jet skis, shall not be launched from any town-owned property abutting fresh water ponds.
- b. **Sheep Pond**
 - i. No person shall operate any motorboat on the waters of Sheep Pond for the manipulation of water skis, surfboard or similar device.
- c. **Operation on Great Ponds**
 - i. No gasoline, diesel or electric powered motors over three horsepower shall be permitted on any freshwater ponds in the Town of Brewster.
 - ii. These regulations shall not apply to ponds in Nickerson Park or ponds which are partly in the Town of Harwich, with the exception of Seymour Pond.
- a. **LongPond**

- i. No motorboat shall be operated at any time on the waters at a speed greater than forty-five (45) miles per hour. {1988}

b. Walkers Pond

- i. No motor boats shall be operated on Walkers Pond provided however a small electric motor of the type used for fishing may be used as propulsion therefor. (1989)

14. Carver

a. 35 mph speed limit for motorboats on all bodies of water within the Town of Carver.

b. Row boats, canoes and sailing boats will have the right of way at all times in any part of the lake.

c. No person shall run, drive or operate any boat, canoe or any type of water vehicle propelled by steam, naphtha, gasoline, electricity or any motor or engine upon the lakes or ponds within the Town of Carver:

- i. In a reckless, careless, or negligent manner as that the lives and safety of the public might be endangered.

- ii. At a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour.

- iii. Within fifty (50) yards of any bathing beach or diving raft.

- iv. Within fifty (50) feet of any rowboat, sailboat, or canoe, except where docking or where the width of the waterway prevents such distance, in which event speed shall be reduced accordingly.

d. The Board of Selectmen may prohibit the use of any boat, canoe or any type of water vehicle

propelled by steam, naphtha, gasoline, electricity or any motor engine upon any or all of the lakes and ponds within the Town of Carver for such period as is determined by the Board of Selectmen for the health and sanitation of those using the lakes and ponds; and, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Carver, shall have the exclusive authority and absolute discretion to determine the reasons for which such a prohibition will be invoked and enforced.

e. The above rules and regulations are to be enforced by an authorized police official of the Town of Carver and the violation of any rule or regulation established under this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00).

15. Chatham

a. Fresh water ponds

- i. In order to protect the purity of the water and prevent the deterioration of the freshwater ponds, no one shall operate or permit to be operated any internal combustion engine on any freshwater pond in the Town of Chatham except under the direction of a law enforcement officer, fire or rescue officer, or other authorized official for the purpose of aiding in rescue, other emergency, or for a specified public need with the permission of the Selectmen.

b. Speed limit and No Wake

- i. Vessels shall not exceed five (5) miles per hour and shall make No Wake, in posted areas.
 - ii. Vessels shall make No Wake within one hundred fifty feet (150ft) of: bathers, divers, piers, docks, floats, small vessels propelled by means other than machinery, vessels not underway, or the shore.
- c.** The following areas are posted annually from 15 June to 15 September:
- i. Stage Harbor, Oyster River, Mitchell River, and the Mill Ponds from Stage Harbor Buoy 4 to the head of the Little Mill Pond, and to the entrance of the Oyster Pond.
 - ii. Aunt Lydia's Cove, from the entrance of the Fish Pier channel to the northerly end of the dredged mooring basin.
 - iii. Ryder's Cove, Frost Fish Creek and Crow's Pond, from the entrance to Ryder's Cove to the head of Ryder's Cove and Frost Fish Creek, and in the Crow's Pond entrance channel.
 - iv. Taylor's Pond and Mill Creek, from the entrance of Mill Creek to the head of Taylor's Pond.
- d.** The number and location of five (5) miles per hour and/or No Wake areas may be changed at the discretion of the Harbormaster providing that such action is approved by the Board of Selectmen and that a two-week period of public comment is allowed for.
- e.** In addition to any other provisions of this section, a safety zone is established in Stage Harbor from Stage Harbor Buoy 7 to Stage Harbor Buoy 10, effective annually from 15 June to 15 September. In the safety zone there shall be no swimming, anchoring, water skiing or scuba diving in the channel. Sailboarders, kiteboarders and other similar watersport craft may use this area to transit between Stage Harbor and Nantucket Sound in accordance with § 265-8. (2015)

16. Clinton

- a.** No person shall operate a motor-driven boat equipped with a motor of more than five horsepower on any lake, pond or river in the Town of Clinton except when authorized by the Chief of Police, upon refusal of special permission from the Chief of Police, the person can appeal the decision to the Board of Selectmen.

17. Dennis

a. Scargo Lake and Fresh Pond

- i. The use of outboard motors on Scargo Lake in Dennis is limited to motors of not more than seven and one-half (7 1/2) horsepower and on Fresh Pond in South Dennis to motors of not more than five (5) horsepower.

b. Bass river

- i. Any vessel propelled by power in Bass River, Follins Pond or tributaries thereof shall not exceed a speed of six (6) miles per hour (mph) except in the following areas:

-Follins Pond northerly from Upper Narrows.

-Bass River from Salt Boxes or Willis Hall's Point, so called, to Wheeler's Island on the Dennis side.

c. Sesuit Harbor, Swan River

- i. Any vessel propelled by power in Sesuit Harbor, Swan River and connected waterways shall not exceed a speed of six (6) miles per hour.

d. Fresh water ponds and lakes

- i. The use of outboard motors on fresh water ponds or lakes is limited to engines of not more than six (6) horsepower unless authorized by the Harbormaster.

18. Eastham

a. Horsepower Limit.

- i. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated on any pond other than Great Pond or Herring Pond that has a total horsepower in excess of three (3) as defined by manufacturer's specifications.

b. Operation near swimming areas.

- i. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated within one hundred and fifty feet (150 ft) of any swimming area designated by the Board of Selectmen and marked by buoys.

c. Operation on freshwater ponds.

- i. No person shall operate, or permit to be operated, any motor boat or vessel, except a seaplane, on any freshwater pond in the Town of Eastham which violates any of the following regulations:

1. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated on, or placed on
2. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour.
3. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated by a minor under the age of 16 years without a person 18 year, or over, aboard.
4. No motor boat or vessel shall be operated which has a total horsepower in excess of 50 as defined by manufacturer's specifications.
5. No racing-type motor boats or vessels, i.e., hydroplanes or jet skis, so-called, shall be operated at any time on any freshwater pond within the Town of Eastham.
6. Gasoline tanks shall not be filled while a boat or vessel is in the water or within 50 feet of the edge of a freshwater pond.
7. No motor boat or vessel shall be used for waterskiing except on even-numbered days. Tow lines shall not exceed 75 feet in length and only one skier may be towed per boat. All waterskiing shall be conducted in a counterclockwise direction, and all stops and starts shall be in deep water (five feet or more).
8. No waterskiing shall be allowed on any freshwater pond other than Great Pond.
9. Hours for waterskiing shall be from 7:00 a.m. to ½ hour before sunset.

d. Violations and penalties.

- i. Violation of any of the above regulations shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$200 and/or loss of inspection permit with each violation constituting a separate offense.

19. Egremont (<http://egremont-ma.gov/genbylaws.htm>) (2010)

a. Prospect Lake

- i. No boat propelled by an engine of more than ten (10) horsepower shall be operated on Prospect Lake in said Town.
- ii. Any vessel propelled by internal combustion engine shall not exceed a speed of 10 mph on the waters of Prospect Lake.
- iii. No vessel propelled by internal combustion engine shall be operated on Prospect Lake at any time before sunrise nor after sunset, except for emergencies or with written permission of the Harbor Master.

20. Essex (<http://essexma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/EssexMAClerklbylaws/chapter4>)

a. AREA TO WHICH MOTOR BOAT CONTROL APPLIES.

- i. All areas of water to which this section applies are pointed out on a map entitled "Chart Showing Areas of Water Subject to provisions of Motor Boat Control Bylaw, March 1961," on file in the office of the town clerk.

b. CONTROLLED AREAS TO BE MARKED BY HARBORMASTER.

- i. The harbormaster shall mark in the water or on the shore with conspicuous orange buoys, signs or signs lettered in orange, all of which shall bear the initials "H.M." and a metal tag reading "Area Marker of Harbormaster, Town of Essex," all areas of water pointed out upon the chart. For the purpose of enforcing this section, the areas so marked by the harbormaster shall be deemed prima facie to be the areas pointed out upon the chart and required to be marked, but each presumption shall be subject to rebuttal by competent evidence presented by the defendant, in which case similar evidence by the plaintiff shall also be considered. The harbormaster is directed to have in his custody a copy of the chart and to keep a list of all areas marked by him, pursuant to this section, and to make such list and chart copy publicly available for inspection. No person shall deface, alter or remove any signs or marks placed by or under the direction of the harbormaster.

c. SPEED LIMIT IMPOSED.

- i. No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motor boat or other vessel propelled or moved by an internal combustion engine at greater than headway speed in the following waters:

1. On the Essex River between Causeway Bridge and Billy's Point.
2. On the Essex River in the Conomo Point Anchorage.

d. WATER SKIING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREA.

- i. Water skiing shall be forbidden between Conomo Point and the Causeway Bridge.

21. Framingham

- a. The use of powered craft generally described as a "JET SKI", "SURF JET", "WET BIKE" or otherwise described as a "PERSONAL WATERCRAFT" is prohibited except when used by Law Enforcement personnel in the course of their duties.

22. Gardner

a. Hinds Pond (Kendall Pond) and Snake Pond

- i. No boats, motor vehicles, snowmobiles, or other vessels which are powered by motor shall be permitted on Hinds Pond (sometimes known as Kendall Pond) and Snake Pond.
- ii. Any person violating this article shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

23. Georgetown

a. Pentucket Pond

- i. After June 1, 1981, no person shall operate a boat on Pentucket Pond powered by internal combustion engines whose total horsepower rating at time of original manufacture exceeds 10 horsepower.
- ii. Whoever violates this chapter may be punished by a fine not to exceed

\$50.

24. Gloucester

- a. No vessel or watercraft shall be launched, landed or operated on life guarded public beaches.
- b. No vessel shall exceed five (5) miles per hour or cause a disturbing wake within the confines of mooring or anchorage areas and other areas posted by the Harbormaster.
- c. No person shall operate a vessel including jet skis, within 150 feet of any beach or swimming area without permission of the Harbormaster.
- d. No vessel or watercraft shall be launched, landed or operated on life-guarded public beaches.
- e. No person shall operate a vessel towing water skiers, aquaplanes or similar devices within 300 feet of any beach or swimming area.
- f. No person shall operate a power vessel in excess of three miles per hour when within 100 feet of a diver or his flag or marker. No person shall operate a power vessel within 50 feet of a diver or his flag or marker unless said vessel is being operated by a person identified with, working with, or rendering assistance to such scuba or skin diver.

25. Grafton

a. Lake Ripple

- i. Watercrafts used on lake are limited to a maximum of five (5) horsepower motors.
- ii. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed greater than 20 mph or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger lakeside residents, their property, or other recreational users of the lake or its facilities.

26. Great Barrington

- a. No motorboats over ten (10) horsepower shall be permitted on the Housatonic River, Williams River and Green River within the limits of the Town of Great Barrington.

27. Groton

- a. No motorboat shall be operated upon any pond or part thereof lying within the Town in a manner which endangers the safety of the public or is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or to the value of property therein.
- b. No motorboat shall be operated upon any pond lying within the Town ½ hour after sunset and before ½ hour before sunrise unless it is equipped with red and green running lights that show clearly in the direction in which it is going, and no other watercraft shall be on the waters in the aforementioned hours unless equipped with a suitable light to signal other approaching boats.

c. Any person violating any provision of this chapter or part thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$20 for each offense.

d. Persons operating motor- or other power boats on the waters or waterways lying within the Town shall not bring said boats or any other towed object within 50 feet of any dock, piers, raft, wharf or float unless to embark and disembark. Power boats shall not pass any other craft closer than 25 feet nor circle around any craft in a manner as to annoy the occupants of the other craft nor pass between moored rafts or floats and the shore.

e. No person shall operate any watercraft in a manner which shall unreasonably or unnecessarily interfere with other watercraft or with the free and proper navigation on the waters or waterways lying within the Town. Anchoring under bridges or in heavily traveled channels shall constitute such interference if unreasonable under the prevailing circumstances.

f. No watercraft on the waters or waterways lying within the Town shall be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity.

28. Halifax

a. The maximum speed limit for all watercraft is 35 miles per hour unless posed otherwise.

b. All watercraft must reduce speed to headway speed when operating:

i. Within 15 feet of:

a. Shore.

b. Watercraft not underway (for example moored or anchored vessels).

c. Private docking or mooring areas.

ii. Within 300 feet of:

a. Public boat launch.

b. Public or private swim area.

c. No watercraft shall operate at a speed greater than headway speed from the hours of dusk to dawn. For the purpose of enforcement, "dusk to dawn" shall mean ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise.

d. No personal watercraft operation shall be allowed between the hours of dusk and 10:00 a.m.

e. No watercraft shall intentionally hinder, interfere with or obstruct and aircraft (seaplane) which is in the process of taxiing, landing or taking off.

f. No raft, float, mooring or similar device shall be attached to the bottom by anchor or other means at a distance of more than 150 feet from the shore line without a special permit issued by the Police Chief.

29. Harvard

a. Bare Hill Pond

i. All motor or power boats on the pond are to be registered under appropriate state law and shall display proper lighting, safety equipment, flotation devices, and be equipped with a proper muffler or underwater exhaust as is or may be required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90B and 323 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 1 through 6.

ii. All boats traveling in excess of 20 mph shall follow the same counterclockwise traffic flow pattern described in § 13-4D applicable to boats with objects in tow.

iii. The maximum speed on Bare Hill Pond is 35 mph if traffic conditions so permit.

iv. No person operating a craft propelled by other than muscle power shall pass another craft within 150 feet, or circle around any craft, in a manner as to annoy or endanger the occupants of the other crafts, nor pass (other than at headway speed) within 150 feet of another craft or between moored crafts or

floats and the shore. No craft shall operate at a speed that endangers the life, limb, or property of any person.

v. Between the hours of 8:00p.m. (or sunset, if earlier) and 10:00 a.m. speeds will be limited to headway speed with no wake. Appropriate running lights

in accordance with Inland Rules for Navigation of the U.S. Coast Guard must be shown.

vi. Motorboat speeds in the area adjacent to the swimming and the anchorage areas at the Town Beach will be limited to five miles per hour with no wake.

vii. Overnight occupancy of any craft is not permitted.

viii. Trailers at the Town launching area may not be loaded using the boat's engine power to drive the boat onto the trailer. Use of hand or powered winches mounted on the trailer only are permitted.

ix. Boats towing boats in distress may not do so during daylight hours at headway speed.

x. All out-of-town boats launched by nonresidents and non-taxpayers must pay a daily launch fee prior to launching. The use of the beach is prohibited to out-of-town boaters.

30. Harwich

a. No person shall operate any personal watercraft within any coastal waters or inland waters of the Town which waters are within the boundaries of the Cape Cod National Seashore or are waters which form a portion of a water body which is located in part within the boundaries of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Water body as used in this section shall mean the tidal waters of Pleasant Bay, including, but not limited to Round Cove, Muddy Creek (Monomoy River), and any adjoining river, inlet, cove, embayment, pond or harbor.

i. Specifically excluded from the provisions of this By-law are all waters of Nantucket Sound located in the Town of Harwich, which waters are outside the boundaries of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

b. The use of all boats propelled by motor, either inboard or outboard, shall be prohibited on Sand Pond, North Harwich and Andrew's Pond (aka Katie's Pond), Harwich center.

c. The use of all boats propelled by motor, whether inboard or outboard, and waterskiing shall be prohibited on Skinequit Pond, South Harwich.

d. No motorboat of more than 10 horsepower or used for waterskiing may be launched or operated from the boat ramp at Cahoon Road Landing at the east end of Long Pond.

e. Any violation of Subsections b, c, and d shall be punished by a fine of \$20.

f. No motorboat of more than six horsepower shall be operated on Hinckley's Pond. No motorboat of more than three horsepower shall be operated on Seymour's Pond.

g. No motorboats shall exceed the speed limit as defined in this section on various ponds in Harwich. All ponds shall be posted as follows:

i. Hinckley's Pond: five statute miles per hour.

ii. Seymour's Pond: five statute miles per hour.

h. No motorboats shall be operated on Walker's Pond; provided, however, that a small electric motor of the type used for fishing may be used as propulsion therefor.

i. Any violations of subsections f, g, and h of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of \$50.

31. Haverhill

a. Kenoza Lake, Crystal Lake, Winnekenni Basin

- i. No boats or boating of any description shall be allowed at any time on the following bodies of water under the control and jurisdiction of the City of Haverhill: Kenoza Lake, Crystal Lake or Winnekenni Basin.

b. Plug Pond (aka "Lake Saltonstall"), Round Pond, Millvale Reservoir

- i. Self-propelled boats without motors of any nature shall be allowed upon the waters of the following bodies of water under the control and jurisdiction of the City of Haverhill: Plug Pond (also known as "Lake Saltonstall") and Round Pond and Millvale Reservoir.

32. Holden

a. Eagle Lake

- i. Except for motorized craft operated by a governmental agency or its designee, water-borne vehicles shall be limited to non-motorized boats, canoes and inflatable rafts. All aircraft are prohibited from utilizing Eagle Lake as a landing area except in case of an emergency. All motorized motor vehicles are prohibited on the surface of Eagle Lake unless operated by a governmental

33. Holland

a. Hamilton Reservoir/Lake Siog

- i. Power propelled speed is limited to 10 mph until 11:00 am on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
- ii. Power propelled boat is limited to headway speed or 5 mph, whichever is greater, during darkness (hour before sunrise and hour after sunset)
- iii. Power propelled boat speed is limited to 5 mph or headway speed, whichever is greater, in the narrows and all coves.
- iv. Jet skis, surf jets, wet bikes or similar personal watercraft shall not be operated at speeds greater than 12 mph, or after sunset, or before sunrise.

b. Holland Pond

- i. No craft shall be operated on Holland Pond at a speed greater than 10 mph.

34. Holliston

a. Lake Winthrop

- i. No person shall operate a boat on Lake Winthrop, which is powered by an internal combustion engine except as approved by the Park Commission for safety or rescue purposes.

35. Hudson

a. Gates Pond

- i. No watercraft of any type is allowed.

b. Lake Boon

- i. Speed in any of the narrows shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- ii. Speed during the period from one-half hour after sunset until one half-hour before sunrise shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- iii. The hours of 2-6p.m. on Sundays and holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, are designated for canoeing, sailing, swimming, and other non-motorized uses of the Lake, and the maximum

speed of any motorboat shall be the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.

- iv.** Water skiing and skip board riding is prohibited in the narrows between the first and second and second and third and third and fourth basins at all times.

36. Lakeville

a. Loon Pond

- i. No person shall maintain, operate or suffer or permit the operation of any motor boat, as defined in chapter 90B, Section 1 of Massachusetts General Laws, or other boat powered by internal combustion engine, on the waters of Loon Pond in the Town of Lakeville. This prohibition shall not apply to boats powered by electron motors. (approved October 18, 1999)

37. Lenox (effective 5/97; adopted by town meeting 5-20-96)

a. Stockbridge Bowl

- i. Personal Motorized watercraft PROHIDITED
- ii. Maximum speed: 1Dam-sunset: 40 MPH
 1. Between sunset and 1Oam: 6 MPH
 2. Within Safety Zone: no more than 6 MPH
- iii. Safety Zone: 300 feet from the shoreline into the lake.
- iv. Any swimmer out of the Safety Zone shall be attended by a boat.
- v. No person shall operate a power boat upon the Housatonic River within the Town of Lenox except for official emergency vehicles. (1973)

38. Lincoln

a. Flint's Pond

- i. Fishing, swimming, and boating are found to have a significant adverse impact on the water quality of Flint's pond and are accordingly prohibited.
- b. No motorboat shall be operated upon any portion of the Concord River or its tributaries or of any inland lake or pond lying within the Town in a manner which endangers the safety of the public or is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or to the value of the property thereon.
- c. It shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this by-law if such boat is operated by a motor not having an underwater exhaust, or in a noisy or obnoxious manner, or at any unreasonable rate of speed, or without slowing down and exercising due caution while approaching and passing persons bathing or any other watercraft, or at any speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.
- d. Any person violating any provision of this by-law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) for each offense.
- e. The Town may join with any other town, through which said Concord River or any of its tributaries flows in the enforcement of this by-law or a similar by-law adopted by such other towns insofar as such by-laws relate to said river or its tributaries, and may appropriate money for the enforcement of this in whole or in part of any and all such by-laws.

39. Littleton

a. Long Lake

- i. Effective January 1, 1975, no person shall operate a boat on Long Lake powered by internal combustion engines whose total horsepower rating at time of original manufacture exceeds 20 horsepower, except as approved by the Board of Selectmen for safety or rescue purposes.

40. Ludlow

a. Wade Pond

- i. No person shall operate a motorboat on Wade Pond, except for vessels owned by an agency of the United States Government or by a State, County, City or Town.

41. Marlborough

a. Fort Meadow Reservoir

- i. No craft may be closer than 200 feet to the shore at Memorial and Hudson Beach except for the purpose of docking at a designated dock. Craft proceeding to dock or leaving said dock must do so in a line perpendicular to the shore and must be operated so as not to endanger any swimmers.
- ii. No person shall operate any boat at a speed greater than 40mph. or a safe and reasonable speed depending on existing conditions.
- iii. No person shall operate a motorboat from sunset until sunrise at a speed in excess of 5mph otherwise known as headway speed. No boat shall be upon the waters if the pond between the above hours unless there be a white light attached to the stern which must be visible in all directions. In addition, a green light must be displayed to the starboard and a red light to the port.

42. Marshfield

- a. No boat shall exceed a speed of six nautical miles per hour or cause a disturbing wake on the portion of the North or South River Waterway lying within the Town of Marshfield.

43. Mashpee

a. Maximum speed for watercraft is "Slow, No Wake" (headway speed):

- i. During the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, in any area of any fresh water waterway
- ii. On the following bodies of tidal water:
 1. Great River, except in any planning channel as may be posted in Upper Great River
 2. Little River
 3. Sanuit River
 4. Mashpee River
 5. Ockway Bay, except in any planning channel as may be posted
 6. In the Mashpee part of Shoestring Bay and Simons Narrows.
- iii. A boat or personal watercraft operator within sight of a diver's flag shall proceed with caution and within a radius of one hundred (100') feet of such flag shall process at a speed not to exceed three (3) miles per hour.

b. Personal Watercraft Operation

- i. No motor or propelled surfboard or other personal watercraft operation is allowed in Mashpee in or on the freshwater ponds before the hour of 10:00am and after the hour of 7:00pm

c. Water skiing, Tubing, and Knee boarding

- i. No water skiing, tubing, or knee boarding is allowed in Mashpee in or on the freshwater ponds before the hour of 10:00am and after the hour of 7:00pm
- ii. Not within one hundred fifty (150') feet of Shoreline, except where posted as permitted, swimmers, watercraft underway by means other than

motors, watercraft not underway (for example moored or anchored), areas with posted speed limits, commercial docking or mooring areas, private docking or mooring areas.

iii. Water skiing, tubing, and knee boarding or towing person(s) in any manner on the following bodies of water is prohibited:

1. Great River
2. Little River
3. Sanuit River
4. Mashpee River
5. Hamblin Pond
6. Jehu Pond
7. Sage Lot Pond
8. Ockway Bay
9. Shoestring Bay and Simmons Narrows

44. Melrose

- a. No person shall have charge of, run or drive a boat propelled by steam, naphtha, gasoline, electric or other motor or engine within the waters of any pond under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners unless he/she shall first have obtained from them a permit to do so.

45. Mendon

- a. The operator of a sailboat shall have the right of way over all other boats.
- b. The operator of a boat pulling water skiers shall have the right of way over all boats except sailboats.

46. Nantucket

- a. No person shall engage in the business of renting to the public, for public operation, any personal watercraft, jet ski, surf jet, wet bike or any motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a vessel within the waters of the commonwealth and within all coastal waters and inland bodies of water as lie within the limits of the Town of Nantucket without first having obtained a license to do so from the Town of Nantucket Board of Selectmen in compliance with this section and in compliance with all federal, state or local laws pertaining to their use.
- b. On land owned by the Town of Nantucket, the use of, the rental of and the operation of personal watercraft shall be prohibited.
- c. No person shall operate any personal watercraft jet ski, surf jet or wet bike within the waters comprising Nantucket Harbor, as shown on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) navigational chart Number 13241, northerly to the end of the east and west jetties or in the established navigation lane between said jetties easterly to the Head of the Harbor, in Polpis Harbor or along any portion of the shoreline of Nantucket Harbor. Said personal watercraft shall be launched from the Children's Beach boat ramp and shall navigate through Nantucket Harbor along the most direct route as marked by buoys, to Nantucket Sound.
- d. No person shall operate any personal watercraft, jet ski, surf jet or wet bike within the waters bounded by a line drawn from "The Rock" off the "Fortieth Pole" and marked by a hazard buoy, northwesterly to the R-2lighted bell buoy, northwesterly to the westernmost point of Muskeget Island, southeasterly to the westernmost tip of Smith's Point including the entire shorelines of Muskeget,

Tuckemuck and New Smith's Point (Esther Island). Said personal watercraft shall be launched from the Walter S. Barrett and Jackson Point public access boat ramps and shall navigate through Hither Creek along the most direct route as marked by buoys, to the westernmost tip of Eel Point, thence north to Nantucket Sound or south to the Atlantic Ocean.

- e. No person shall operate any personal watercraft, Jet Ski, surf jet or wet bike within or on the waters of the great ponds or any interior body of water of less than 300 acres in size on Nantucket or Tuckemuck Islands or on New Smith's Point (Esther Island).
- f. No personal watercraft shall be transported to, or launched from, a public beach or public beach parking area, a public boat ramp or public boat ramp parking area except those named in Subsections C and D.
- g. Exemptions. Personal watercraft may be operated within the waters described in Subsections C, D and E if the personal watercraft is needed for emergency purposes when there is reasonable belief that such use is necessary to protect persons, animals or property.

47. New Bedford

a. Sassaquin Pond

- i. All persons operating motorboats on Sassaquin Pond shall be limited to boats not in excess of 12 feet in length, to outboard motors not in excess of 10 horsepower, to a speed limit not in excess of 10 mph and shall operate the same at least one 150ft from all rafts, piers, and bathing beaches. No internal combustion engines, water skiing, surfboard riding or racing shall be allowed on said pond.

b. Clarks Cove

- i. No person shall operate a personal watercraft, jet ski, surf jet or wet bike within the area known as Clark's Cove.

48. Newburyport

a. Newburyport Harbor

- i. Generally. It shall be unlawful to operate or suffer or permit the operation of any motor boat or other vessel propelled by machinery at a speed exceeding five (5) miles per hour and no disturbing wake shall be made in any waters of the Merrimack River lying within city limits.
- ii. Wake and speed. Notwithstanding the speed limit established in (a) above, no vessel shall create a wake or operate at a speed which endangers life, safety or property of any person in Newburyport Harbor. In narrow channels, designated mooring areas, or where posted, the speed of all vessels shall be reduced to the minimum speed required for safe steering of the vessel.

b. Windsurfing, waterskiing.

- i. Windsurfers and water skiers are not to operate in the navigable channel of the river or in mooring areas from the Ice Breaker to west of Carr Island.
- ii. Personal watercraft may operate in the channel at a speed not to exceed twelve (12) miles per hour. Operators of personal watercraft must be in a seated or kneeling position and must proceed in a direct route without switching back and forth in the channel.

49. Newton

a. Crystal Lake

- i. Approved letter, October 29, 1990 by Richard Murray, need to find by-law for that date – it is MIA.

50. North Attleboro

- a. Motor boating on all Town owned ponds and waterways shall be confined to those hours between sunrise and one-half hour after sunset of a given day.
- b. The speed of Motorboats on Lower Falls Pond shall not exceed 15mph. The speed on the Upper Falls Pond shall not exceed 25mph.

51. North Hampton

- a. No person shall swim or bathe in any reservoir or other source of water supply for the City or place or use a boat therein.

52. Northborough

- a. No person shall operate any boat propelled by an internal-combustion machine within two hundred (200) feet of any shoreline or within fifty (50) feet of any other boat at a speed in excess of eight (8) miles per hour.

53. North Andover

a. Lake Cochichewick and its Tributaries

- i. Prohibits the use of all Gasoline or Diesel powered engines, containers that transport any type of fuel, or anything that uses such fuels, such as, but not limited to: boats, snowmobiles, ice augers, generators, stoves or lamps, are prohibited. (2000)

54. Orange

- a. All motorboats must (except when prevented by a narrow channel or when approaching or leaving the shore or other boats, or passing under bridges or rounding sharp bends) keep 150 feet distant from anchored or moored areas, skin divers' flags, or the shore. In all such cases the speed of such motorboats shall be reduced to headway speed, so as to provide full visibility and control, and prevent their wash from being thrown into or causing excessive rocking to other boats, barges, aquaplanes or other devices being towed by power. The operator of a towing boat shall be responsible for compliance therewith.
- b. **Lake Mattawa**
 - i. No person shall operate a boat on Lake Mattawa which is powered by an internal combustion engine exceeding 10 horsepower.

55. Orleans

a. Speed Limit and no wake areas:

- i. Vessels shall not exceed five (5) miles per hour and shall make no wake in all areas listed below:
 - 1. The entrance to Rock Harbor, including the entire inner basin.
 - 2. Meetinghouse Pond and Meetinghouse River to a point marked by a no-wake bouy at the mouth of the river.
 - 3. Lonnie's River, including the entire pond.
 - 4. Arey's Pond and Arey's River to a point marked by a no-wake buoy at the mouth of the river.
 - 5. Pah Wah River, including the entire pond.
 - 6. The buoyed entrance into Quanset Pond, including the entire pond.
 - 7. The Snow Shore/Tonset mooring area as marked by no-wake buoys.
 - 8. The entrance into Pochet Inlet to a point marked by a no-wake buoy inside the Payson mooring area.

- 9. The mooring area at the head of the cove known as the "Yacht Club area."
- 10. The mooring area at Goose Hummock Shop.
- 11. The entire area of Mill Pond.
- 12. The mooring area at Route 28 in South Orleans.
- 13. The Narrows, from a point marked by a no-wake buoy at the north end to a point marked by a no wake buoy at the south end.
- ii. In other areas, vessels shall make no wake within one hundred fifty (150) feet of: bathers, divers, piers, docks, and floats, small vessels propelled by means other than machinery, vessels not underway or the shore.
- iii. No one shall operate or permit to be operated any internal combustion engine on Pilgrim Lake, Crystal Lake or Baker's Pond in the Town of Orleans, except for the express purposes of aiding and rescue or other emergency situations, or for scientific purposes.

56. Peabody

a. Brown's Pond

- i. The use of inboard motorboats is prohibited in Brown's Pond
- ii. The use of outboard motorboats is prohibited on Brown's Pond, unless the owner of the boat is a resident of the city and has received a permit to operate his boat from the police department. Residents of the city under the above conditions may use outboard motorboats only between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 8:00p.m.
- iii. No outboard motor with a horse power rating of more than 7.5 may be operated on Brown's Pond.
- iv. The practice of water skiing and of boats towing persons on water skis is prohibited on Brown's Pond.
- v. The use of rowboats is permitted on Brown's Pond between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00p.m.
- vi. Boating of all descriptions on Brown's Pond is prohibited between the hours of 8:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.

57. Plymouth

a. Internal Combustion Engines

- i. The use of internal combustion engines is prohibited on any pond in Plymouth of 30 acres in area or smaller. The use of internal combustion engines is also prohibited on Little Pond, Boot Pond, Bloody Pond, and Long Island Pond off Beaver Dam Road between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Internal Combustion engines of more than 50hp are hereby prohibited from use on Long Pond and on Great Island Pond
- ii. No internal combustion engines shall be allowed on ponds with a mean average depth of five feet or less.
- b.** Between the hours of 3:00pm and 9:00am, weekends and holidays, and between the hours of 7:30pm and 9:00am weekdays, all motorboats may proceed at maximum of headway speed, with the exception of Great Herring and Billington Sea Ponds. On these Great Ponds, motorboats are restricted to headway

speed between the hours of sunset or 7:30pm, whichever comes first, and 9:00am seven days a week. Headway speed is defined as six knots.

58. Provincetown

- a. No personal watercraft shall be launched from any location or vessel in Provincetown Harbor except the boat-launching ramp at Good Templar Landing, and any personal watercraft using said boat-launching ramps shall be registered with the Provincetown harbormaster.

59. Sandwich

a. Vessel Speed

- i. Vessel speed shall not exceed headway speed and no wake-wash shall be created on any pond not a Great Pond
- ii. Vessel speed shall not exceed headway speed and no wake-wash shall be created on the following Great Ponds: Lower Shawme Pond and Upper Shawme Pond, or other Great Pond of less than seventy-five (75) acres in Size.
- iii. Vessels operating on Peters Pond shall not exceed thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- iv. No vessel shall be operated at any time on any pond at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper having regard for the lives and safety of the public; the state of visibility; the traffic density; the maneuverability of the vessel; the state of wind; water and current; and the proximity of navigational hazards.
- v. Vessels operating on Peters Pond shall not exceed thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

b. Horse Power

- i. Horsepower of internal combustion engines shall not exceed six (6) horsepower on any pond not a Great Pond; however, no internal combustion engines shall be operated on the Upper and Lower Shawme Ponds except for emergency watercraft of town-authorized maintenance vessels. An elective motor, commonly known as an electric trolling motor, may be used for propulsion on the Upper and Lower Shawme Ponds.
- ii. Horsepower of internal combustion engines shall not exceed ten (10) Horsepower on Pimlico Pond.
- iii. Horsepower of internal combustion engines shall not exceed fifteen (15) horsepower on the following Great Ponds: Lawrence Pond; Triangle Pond; Spectacle Pond; Snake Pond.
- iv. There shall be no horsepower limitation on Peters Pond.
- v. Notwithstanding the other provisions of Chapter 9, the Board of Selectmen or their designee shall permit persons operating larger horsepower engines on Town waterways, prior to January 2001, to continue to operate larger horsepower engines on Lawrence Pond, Spectacle Pond, and Snake Pond, for a period of seven (7) years from the date of the approval of the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement and the Attorney General of Chapter 9, but no later than December 31, 2008, provided such persons shall provide proof of

such use to the Conservation Officer, and provided that such persons meet the guidelines promulgated by the Board of Selectmen concerning the requirements for continuation of the use of larger horsepower engines. These guidelines shall be promulgated by the Board of Selectmen within one hundred twenty (120) days of the receipt of the approval of the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement and the Attorney General of Chapter 9.

vi. Notwithstanding the other provisions of Chapter 9 and recognizing that some long standing non-profit organizations have utilized various waterbodies for instructional purposes, the Board of Selectmen may permit these non-profit organizations continued use of larger horsepower engines for transport or safety vessels, not to exceed fifty (50) horsepower, within set guidelines. These guidelines shall be promulgated by the Board of Selectmen within one hundred twenty (120) days of the receipt of the approval of the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement and the Attorney General of Chapter 9. The non-profit organization shall submit an application which is available at the Conservation Department. Following a public hearing on the application, the Board of Selectmen may issue a permit to allow the continued use of larger horsepower engines. Any permit issued shall expire five (5) years from the date of issue. Violations of the permit conditions may be cause for revocation.

c. Operation

- i. Vessels shall not be operated on any pond at greater than headway speed and create no wake-wash, between the hours of sunset to sunrise.
- ii. Personal Watercraft operation is prohibited on Peter's Pond, after the hour of 7:00pm or after sunset, whichever occurs first, and before sunrise, daily
- iii. Personal Watercraft operation is prohibited on Peters Pond, when vision is unduly restricted by weather.

60. Scituate

- a. No boat shall exceed a speed of six nautical miles per hour or cause a disturbing wake within the confines of Scituate Harbor and the North, South and Gulph Rivers.

61. Sharon

- a. No person shall operate any motorboat on Lake Massapoag at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour except that a maximum speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour shall be permitted only during such times and in such areas as shall be designated for water skiing by the Board of Selectmen; provided that when within 150 feet of the shore or any pier or float the speed shall not exceed six (6) miles per hour.
- b. No person shall operate any motorboat within 150 feet of the shore of any public or private bathing beach on Lake Massapoag except in case of an emergency or when within the public launching area.
- c. Except in case of an emergency, every person, other than the owner or tenant of beach frontage on Lake Massapoag or a guest of either one, shall launch or land his motorboat at the public boat slip and from or on no other place. An owner or tenant of beach frontage or a guest of either may launch and land his boat from and on such beach.

- d. After April 1, 1973, no person shall operate a boat on Lake Massapoag powered by internal combustion engines whose total horsepower rating at time of original manufacture exceeds sixty (60) horsepower, except as approved by the Board of Selectmen for safety or rescue purposes.
- e. No person shall launch a boat powered by internal combustion engine or a sailboat at a public launching area on Lake Massapoag unless there is permanently attached thereto a boat launching permit sticker. Such sticker shall be available to residents and non-residents at reasonable rates to be established by the Board of Selectmen.
- f. No person shall operate a personal watercraft if such person is: (a) under the age of sixteen (16); (b) sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age without first having received a safety certificate evidencing satisfactory completion of a training course in a safe operation conducted by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadron, the Division of Law Enforcement, or such other entity approved in writing by the Director.
- g. No person shall operate a personal watercraft between the hours of sunset and sunrise or when vision is unduly restricted by weather or in violation of the Rules for Town Beaches as established by the Board of Selectmen.

62. Southwick

- a. Speed limit
 - i. No person shall operate a power-propelled craft at the rate of speed in excess of 10 miles per hour (mph) on Saturday and Sunday prior to 10:00 a.m. Eastern daylight saving time (EDST).
 - ii. No person shall operate a power-propelled craft at the rate of speed in excess of 10 mph one-half (1/2) hour after sunset until one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise
 - iii. All operators of said power driven boats intending to pass under the roadways leading from one pond to another, upon approaching such roadway underpass, shall shut off the motors thereof a distance of not less than 50 feet from said underpass and shall come to a stop before entering the underpass and shall not resume power until they have passed through said underpass a distance of not less than 50 feet, except that north of the underpass between the Middle and North Ponds the distance shall be 150 feet.

b. Congamond Lake

- i. The maximum speed is 45 mph except that: no person shall operate a power propelled craft at the rate of speed in excess of 10 mph one half hour after sunset until one half-hour after sunrise and 10 mph up until 10:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays(2005)
- ii. Any power-propelled craft equipped with a high-powered automatic-type engine mounted in an exposed location shall be prohibited on Congamond Lake.
- iii. Clean all weeds from boat/trailer before launching or leaving ramp area, and properly dispose of same.

- iv. Diving, swimming or anchoring within any marked navigation channel is prohibited.
- v. Attaching a boat to the fishing pier at the state boat ramp is prohibited.
- vi. Leaving a boat at or attached to the outboard side of the boarding docks at the state boat ramp for more than 10 minutes, or the inboard side for any duration is prohibited.
- vii. Waterskiing from or within 300 feet of any Public Access Board Facility is prohibited.
- viii. The operation of personal watercraft shall not be conducted from any Public Access Facility, except for the initial embarkation and final disembarkation.

63. Sterling

- a. The use of jet skis, surf skis, wet bikes and other motorized thrill craft, so called, is banned from the waters of East Lake Waushacum.
- b. The shallow areas of South Cove, Balls Cove (between the island the railroad tracks) and North Cove (between the island and North Cove) at East Lake Waushacum are established as "Headway Speed Zones" to protect the lake's natural bottom contour from erosion.

64. Stow

a. Lake Boon

- i. No person operating a craft propelled by other than muscular power shall allow said craft to approach closer than seventy-five (75) feet to another craft unless said second craft is stopped and a closer approach is for the purpose of communicating with the occupants of the second craft; nor circle around any craft in a manner as to annoy or endanger the occupants of other crafts; nor pass between moored rafts or floats and the shore.
- ii. Speed in any of the narrows shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- iii. Speed during the period from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise shall be such that no appreciable wake is produced, but in no case to exceed the minimum necessary to maintain steerage way.
- iv. Water skiing and skipboard riding is prohibited in the narrows between the first and second and second and third and third and fourth basins at all times, and is prohibited on all the waters of the Lake between 2:00 and 6:00pm on Sundays and holidays including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor day.

65. Sudbury

a. The Upper Hob Brook Ponds

- i. Ponds are defined as those ponds on Hop Brook upstream of the Peakham Road bridge which is adjacent to the Haynes Meadow Conservation Area.

- ii. Manually powered watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, car-top boats, and float tubes are allowed on the ponds. All motor powered watercraft such as power boats, outboard motor boats with motors, jet skis, and similar powered craft are not allowed.

b. Sudbury River

- i. No motor boat shall be operated upon any portion of the Sudbury River or its tributaries within the Town of Sudbury in a manner which endangers the safety of the public or is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or to the value of property thereon.
- ii. It shall be *prima facie* evidence of the violation of this Bylaw if such boat is operated:
 - 1. By a motor not having an underwater exhaust;
 - 2. In a noise or obnoxious manner;
 - 3. At any unreasonable rate of speed;
 - 4. Without slowing down and exercising due caution while approaching and passing persons or any other watercraft; or
 - 5. At any speed in excess of 10 miles per hour

66. Templeton

- a. Power boats with motors exceeding ten (10) horsepower are prohibited for usage on Partridgeville Pond, also known as Templeton Fish and Game Club Pond"

67. Tolland

- a. Noyes Pond
 - i. Prohibit the use of internal combustion engines for propulsion on Noyes Pond, Tunxis Club, as per all boating.

68. Waltham

- a. Hardy Pond
 - i. The operation and use of any motor boat using an internal combustion engine in or upon Hardy Pond is prohibited.

69. Wareham

a. Internal Combustion Engines - Restrictions.

- i. The use of internal combustion engines of more than five (5) horsepower is prohibited on Blackmore Pond, Horseshoe Mill Pond, Tremont Pond and all waterways less than thirty (30) acres in size.
- ii. The use of internal combustion engines of more than fifty (50) horsepower is prohibited on Spectacle Pond and Dick's Pond (Silver Lake).

b. Boat Operation.

- i. No vessel shall be operated at any time on the waters of the Town at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper having regard to the lives and safety of the public; the state of visibility; the traffic density; the maneuverability of the vessel; the state of wind, water and current; and the proximity of navigational hazards.
- ii. A vessel shall not be operated at more than headway speed:
 - 1. When the operator's vision is obscured under a bridge or by bends or curves or in any other manner.
 - 2. When the vessel is operated within three hundred feet (300') of a swimming beach, unless operating in an area designated for higher speed.
 - 3. When the vessel is operated within one hundred fifty feet (150') of a mooring or anchorage area, marina, boat launching facility, raft or float.

4. When the vessel is operated in an area posted "Slow-No Wake".
 5. In any inner harbor, except in areas designated for higher speeds.
- iii. Boat operator within sight of a diver's flag shall proceed with caution. No boat shall proceed at a speed exceeding three miles per hour (3mph) within a radius of one hundred fifty feet (150') of a diver's flag.
 - iv. No Boat shall land on any swimming beach except in an extreme emergency, or in an area designated by the Harbormaster, and shall exercise extreme caution in doing so.
 - v. Small rowboats (dinghies) used for transportation to a moored boat shall not be left on any public swimming beach; except in areas designated by the Harbormaster. Such boats shall be carried to the most inward portion of the beach, before any grassy area, and secured upside down.
 - vi. No boat or vessel shall be left on any beach or other property owned by the Town without permission of the Harbormaster.
 - vii. NO DISCHARGE AREA: Effective January 22, 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared Wareham coastal waters a federal "no discharge area", making the discharge of both treated and untreated boat sewage in this area illegal, and enabling federal, state and local enforcement officers to assess fines and other penalties for discharge violations.

70. Wayland

a. Sudbury River

- i. No motor boat shall be operated upon any portion of the Sudbury River or its tributaries within the town in a manner which endangers the safety of the public or is detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood or to the value of property thereon.
- ii. It shall be *prima facie* evidence of the violation of this article if such boat is operated:
 1. By a motor not having an underwater exhaust;
 2. In a noisy or obnoxious manner;
 3. At any unreasonable rate of speed;
 4. Without slowing down and exercising due caution while approaching and passing persons bathing or any other watercraft;
or
 5. At any speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

71. Wellfleet

- a. No one shall operate or permit to be operated an internal combustion engine on any fresh water pond in the Town of Wellfleet except under the direction of any law enforcement officer, fire or rescue officer, or other authorized official for the expressed purpose of aiding in rescue or other emergency situations.

72. West Tisbury

a. Uncle Seth's Pond

- i. No person or persons shall be allowed in Uncle Seth's Pond or on the Town park by said pond between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00a.m. from May 15 to September 15 of each year

73. Westfield

- a. It shall be unlawful to operate on any public lakes, ponds, rivers or other public waters within the territorial limits of the city any boat propelled by power other than muscular power at a speed greater than 12 miles an hour.

74. Westminster

- a. All boats must use the underpass on their starboard or right-hand side when negotiating the Leino Park Bridge, Wyman Lake.

75. Weymouth

- a. All motorboats must be operated at a safe distance to prevent their wash from being thrown into or causing excessive rocking to other boats, rafts, floats or bathing beaches. When passing within one hundred (100) feet of any raft, float, dock, bathing beach or other boat, motorboats shall be operated at a reduced and reasonable speed so as not to cause inconvenience or danger to others.
- b. Where the operator's vision is obscured or under bridges or on bends and curves, motorboats shall be operated at not more than headway speed [six (6) miles per hour].
- c. The operation of personal watercraft is prohibited in the Weymouth waters of the Back River Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

76. Wilmington

- a. No person shall operate any motorboat on Sliver Lake at a speed in excess of (6) miles per hour when within 150 feet of the shore, or any pier or float.
- b. No person shall operate any motorboat within 150 feet of the shore of any public or private bathing beach on Silver Lake except in case of an emergency or when within the public launching area.

77. Woburn

a. Horn Pond

- i. The use of any boat, watercraft of any nature, which is powered or propelled by a mechanical device of any nature is forbidden on what is commonly known as "Horn Pond."
- ii. Any boat or watercraft operated, powered or propelled by electric, or battery trolling motors shall be specifically exempted from the provisions.

78. Yarmouth

- a. In any pond within the confines of the Town of Yarmouth, no motorboat shall operate at a speed in excess of six miles per hour.
- b. In any of the following tidal waters, bays or estuaries of the Town of Yarmouth, the following speed laws and waterskiing laws shall be observed:
 - i. No person shall engage in waterskiing in Lewis Bay, Yarmouth, Massachusetts, north of a line running from Englewood Beach point to the radio tower.
 - ii. All power craft shall not exceed six miles per hour north of this line.
 - iii. All water-skiers south of this line and the rest of Lewis Bay shall keep at least 150 feet from all craft, including moored boats, barges and the like.
 - iv. No person shall engage in waterskiing in Mill Creek or Mill Pond, and all power craft shall not exceed six miles per hour in said Mill Creek or Mill Pond.
 - v. No person shall engage in waterskiing in Parker's River, and all power craft shall not exceed six miles per hour in said Parker's River from Route 28 to the waters of Nantucket Sound.
- c. **Freshwater Ponds**
 - i. No person shall operate power-driven craft on all freshwater ponds in the Town of Yarmouth, except that craft powered by electric motors up to six horsepower will be allowed on all freshwater ponds, with the exception of Fire, Police, Natural Resource and Department of Public Works.